

# BRIGHAM CITY SHADE TREE COMMISSION

## Minutes for TUESDAY, November 18, 2008

Present: Mary Coleman, Commission Member  
Phyllis Nielsen, Commission Member  
Mike Phillips, Commission Member  
Adelle Woodworth, Commission Member

City Staff: Blake Fannesbeck, Director Public Works  
Scott Oldham, Parks Supervisor  
Jolene Crockett, Administrative Secretary

Excused: Tyler Pugsley, Assistant Public Works Director

Absent: Ruth Jensen, Council Member  
Floyd Reichard, Chair

*Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm*

### Tree Trimming & Removal Report:

Scott said we have had extensive tree trimming and that we have spent \$35,000 to this point. Mike asked if we were catching up. Blake said we are still behind. He stated because branches fell down and hit cars on Main Street our insurance required we put together a 4 year trimming plan. Estimates to trim the trees on south Main Street were upwards of a \$100,000. Blake said we put crews together with the Arborist and found we were able to trim two sides for \$20,000 and cleaned up other neglected areas. Now in the winter time we are going to do more trimming.

Blake said we are going to try and explain to the council that if we have a consistent budget for trimming of trees we can keep on top of it. Blake said we would like to get North Main done next year. We noticed with the wind storm last Labor Day we had very little clean up on the south end and quite a bit on the north end.

Phyllis stated we have the lift truck. Blake said Scott has a lot of experience with tree trimming so it won't be such a daunting task. Scott said he met with his crews and put a list together for winter tree trimming. Mike said he thinks it is great that the crews are being proactive. He said sycamores take a lot of maintenance and upkeep. We have talked in the past that we are falling further and further behind. Mike said most of what falls is dead. It is nice to see that the lift truck is being used.

Scott said he has a tree hazard evaluation form that the crews will begin to use. Scott went over this form with the Commission. This will give us a tracking of what is going on with a tree when it comes time for removal. Mike said in the past when we did get a request it was just is it good or bad? Mike said pruning a tree is not just cutting branches. Scott said this will help us in defending tree neglect in the parking strip.

### Discussion – Ordinance Change to Include Ability to Ticket for Tree Neglect in the Parking Strips – Scott Oldham

Scott said it will be good if this comes from us. Blake said we have some ideas and see what you think. Scott said we want to be able to ticket the individuals or the responsible parties. Blake said it gives us a better ability because it follows a paper trail. If the tree dies then we have a way to put the cost of removal on the homeowner.

Mike said it's not right when you have a conscientious neighborhood and then you have someone who doesn't take care of their area. We are all citizens and neighbors. It is part of being in a society. Mike said grass is a tremendous user of water and trees are not nearly as much.

Phyllis asked if the parks division will monitor what is going on in the city. Mike said it isn't only "big brother" they notice. Scott said we know the ones who are stressed and we know the people who are neglecting them.

Blake said why don't we work together as staff and bring a proposed ordinance to the Commission next month.

#### Arbor Day:

Mike said it would be good to have everyone go out and look for places that might be nice. Scott said the parks division could also put together a list. Scott said Blake would like to see more trees. Scott asked the group to come back with ideas for Arbor Day.

Mary said many trees at Constitution are really suffering. Phyllis said after we have planted a tree we need to be sure they have more water. Scott said we just planted one in Watkins. We put root stimulator and make sure it is well watered for at least 60 days. Scott said he has assigned one individual to take care of those issues. Phyllis asked if it is the parks who maintain the depot area. The trees have dead branches sticking out. Scott said he will look into this.

#### Nominations for Chair

Mike Phillips made a motion to nominate Mary Coleman for President in 2009, second by Phyllis Nielsen motion carried.

#### Other Business:

- Scott will get with Adele on the tree staking at Christensen
- Desirous non-desirous tree list update – Jolene will get outdated list to the committee members (see attached scan in minutes)
- Scott numbering the trees and keeping a log on computer. Mike thought this was a great idea. It will help us to track problems or changes. Scott said what a great way to track, by number.
- Tree trimming/removal requests – now have that computerized

Next Meeting: December 9<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm, Public Works Conference Room

## SHADE TREE LIST FOR BRIGHAM CITY

(Approved December 4, 1986)

The following tree species, cultivars, and varieties are considered to be desirable, long-lived, of good appearance, beauty and generally free from injury, insects or disease and are suitable for street tree planting.

### CLASS 1

For parking strips three (3) feet wide or less or underneath any overhead utility wires:

As recommended by the City Forester, depending upon site conditions.

### CLASS 2

For parking strips three (3) feet wide and larger:

#### SMALL TREES

1. Lavelle Hawthorne (*Crataegus lavellei*)
2. Carriere Hawthorne (*Crataegus carrierei*)
3. Washington Hawthorne (*Crataegus phaenopyrum*)
4. Flowering Plum (*Prunus cerasifera*)
  - a. Hollywood
  - b. Newport
  - c. Thundercloud
5. May Day Tree (*Prunus padus*)
6. Kwanzan Japanese Flowering Cherry (*Prunus serrulata*)
7. Mt. Fuji Flowering Cherry (*Prunus serrulata*)
8. Flowering Crabapple (*Malus* varieties)
  - a. All non-weeping varieties acceptable
9. Amur Maple (*Acer ginnala*)

### CLASS 3

For parking strips five (5) feet wide and larger:

#### MEDIUM TREES

1. Hedge Maple (*Acer campestre*)
2. Golden Rain (*Koelreuteria paniculata*)
3. Flowering Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)
  - a. Aristocrat
  - b. Bradford
  - c. Red Spire
4. Pagoda Tree (*Sophora japonica*)
  - a. Japanese
  - b. Regent
  - c. Fastigata
5. Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*)
6. Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*)
  - a. Globosum
7. Little Leaf Linden (*Tilia cordata*)
  - a. Fairview
  - b. Greenspire
  - c. Olympic
8. All species and varieties listed under Class 2 - Small Trees.

### CLASS 4

For parking strips ten (10) feet wide or larger:

**LARGE TREES**

1. Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*)
  - a. Columnar
  - b. Crimson King
  - c. Cleveland
  - d. Emerald Queen
  - e. Emerald Lustre
  - f. Royal Red
  - g. Schwedleri
2. Sycamore Maple (*Acer pseudoplatanus*)
3. Birch (*Betula platyphylla*)
  - a. Japanese White Birch
  - b. Whitespire Japanese Birch
4. Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*)
5. European Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)
6. Japanese Zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*)
  - a. Village Green
7. Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
8. Ginkgo or Maidenhair (*Ginkgo biloba*) - Male plants only
9. Kentucky Coffee Tree (*Gymnocladus dioica*)
  - a. Male plants preferred - no seed pods are produced.
10. English Oak (*Quercus robur*)
11. Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)
12. All species and varieties listed under Class 3 - Medium Trees and Class 2 - Small Trees.

**NON-DESIRABLE STREET TREES**

The following varieties and species of trees are not acceptable for parking strip plantings and shall not be planted (exceptions are listed in desirable tree list):

- All weeping varieties of any species.
- All varieties of bearing nut trees (including walnut, horse chestnut, etc.)
- All varieties of bearing fruit trees (apple, pear, peach, plum, cherry, weeping flowering crabapple).
- All varieties and species of upright growing conifers and evergreens including cedar, spruce, pine, fir, and juniper (Pinaceae, Taxodiaceae, Cupressaceae, Taxaceae).
- All species of Ash (*Fraxinus*).
- All species of Linden (*Tilia*) except Little Leaf Linden (*Tilia cordata*).
- All species of Poplar (*Populus*) including cottonwoods and quaking aspens.
- All species of Mountain Ash (*Sorbus*).
- All species of Elm (*Ulmus*).
- All species of Willow (*Salix*).
- All species of Birch (*Betula*) except Japanese Birch (*Betula platyphylla*).
- All species of Locust (*Robinia*).
- All species of Catalpa (*Catalpa*).
- All species of Mulberry (*Morus*).
- Box Elder (*Acer negundo*).
- Sycamore or London Plane Tree (*Platanus acerifolia*).
- English or Paul's Scarlet Hawthorne (*Crataegus oxyacantha*).
- Russian Olive (*Elaeagnus augustifolia*).
- Tree of Heaven or Bird of Paradise Tree (*Ailanthus altissima*).
- Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*).
- Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*).